

Fort Delaware, Torpedo Storeroom
Pea Patch Island
New Castle Island
Delaware

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STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Pea Patch Island
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fort Delaware		HABS NO. DE-194
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1849-1859	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) In 1847, Congress appropriated one million dollars to build the fort as the largest fort in the country to protect Philadelphia and the harbor. It was first occupied in 1861 during Civil War & used to house Confederate prisoners until 1865. The fort was garrisoned during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. It was closed in 1944.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Solid granite walls on exterior and, brick used on interior.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Pentagon-shaped, covering six acres.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Three tiers for guns, two consisting of rows of casemates, and the third, a row of barbettes. Drawbridge located on west side, at entrance of sally port.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Circular granite stairways.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Presently within jurisdiction of the Delaware State Park Commission, and the Fort Delaware Society assists in preservation as a tourist and historical attraction.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Walls vary from seven to 30 feet in thickness and are 32' in height. The fort is surrounded by a 30 foot moat.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Guide to Historic Fort Delaware," prepared by the Fort Delaware Society.		
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